

Changing Landscapes: Anticipating the effects of local land use decisions

Overall Workshop Evaluation Results

1. **Please rate the usefulness of the information presented (1-4).** 3.05
“Good information and data sources.” “The tools were either very generic and lacking in specific local results, or very focused and requiring a great amount of time and data to produce extremely specific local results. Would be nice to work toward a middle ground.” “The utility to information presented was relevant to the topic and to Wisconsin's ability to utilize these types of technology.”
2. **Please rate the appropriateness of the breadth of tools presented (1-4).** 2.95
“Seemed to be a well thought-out cross section of tools.” “It was very helpful to see the range of types of tools available, and to see how far the capabilities have come.” “Other tools exist, not presented, that are equally or even more so relevant to Wisconsin - and Wisconsin's rural communities.” “Some may not be used due to the cost issue.”
3. **Please rate the adequacy of the time provided for tool demonstration (1-4).** 2.90
“We had to split time with another tool, no one else had to do that. Consider coordinating # of tools and # of slots.” “Not that you could have done it differently - but it is important to have follow-up, hands-on workshops so interested participants can get the confidence to use the tools.” “Would have been nice to include some more ‘basic’ tools - though I don't know what those are!” “In nearly all the sessions, folks wanted to keep discussing the tools and viewing real-time applications.” “Some, not all, would have benefited from more time.” “Perhaps more tools should have been included in the same time slot.”
4. **Would you be interested in participating in another, similar workshop with a different set of tools (yes, no, or unsure)?** 100% “Yes”
5. **Please provide any additional comments or suggestions.**
“Please try and keep the workshops free, it seems to be one of the most effective way of gathering in many people from many places.” “More time for the actual demonstrations and also for questions!!” “One awkward aspect was that we had a range of tools covering different issues, so it was not possible to compare, for example, a simple internet-based NPS tool with a more complex GIS/desktop tool designed to address the same issue.” “It was not obvious from the title of this workshop that it was going to be about computer programs. Some of us non-GIS folks left early.” “One very basic need among local groups is that of access to GIS data and technology. We need to somehow address that on a broad scale before diving into these kinds of tools.” “I found that some of the tools would not be very useful in a small community but understand that the seminar needed to cover a spectrum.” “It's always useful to find out what tools are available to assist local communities. It would be interesting to find out what tools local municipalities are interested in or in need of? For example, there is a lot of information out there to help with stormwater, but what about air pollution and issues of zoning effectively to reduce regulatory burdens?” “More interested in rural/town/county level tools as opposed to urban tools.” “Overall, very good workshop. I would like to see a future workshop that focuses on using just the tools available in ArcView (i.e., re-selections, buffers, etc.) versus 'add-on' modeling programs, to assess natural resources data. If there are some good examples of straight up ArcView assessments for habitat protection, water quality, etc., I'd like to see them! Also, I like the format for the workshop - breaking it up into 1/2 hour or so segments with the opportunity to walk around didn't make it feel like a full two days. Good luck on future efforts!”